

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 9082**

October 28, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the *Tennessee Medical Bill of Rights Act*.

Prohibits, during a period in which a disaster, emergency, or public health emergency for COVID-19 has been declared, a hospital from: a) restricting a patient from having at least one family member present with the patient during the patient's hospital stay as long as the family member tests negative for COVID-19 and is not exhibiting symptoms of that or another virus or communicable disease; (b) restricting a patient from having access to all treatments as requested by the patient for the treatment of a diagnosis of COVID-19 or subsequent diagnosis resulting from such, and; (c) coercing or threatening a patient into acceptance of a treatment for which the patient expresses a safety or moral concern.

Authorizes the Department of Health to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this legislation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- The restrictions contained in the proposed legislation do not place significant additional burdens or responsibilities on the state of Tennessee or local governments; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local governments is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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